

Union Calendar No. 175

109TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1190

[Report No. 109-321]

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study to design and construct a four reservoir intertie system for the purposes of improving the water storage opportunities, water supply reliability, and water yield of San Vicente, El Capitan, Murray, and Loveland Reservoirs in San Diego County, California in consultation and cooperation with the City of San Diego and the Sweetwater Authority, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2005

Mr. HUNTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

DECEMBER 6, 2005

Additional sponsors: Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, and Mr. ISSA

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 9, 2005]

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “San Diego Water Stor-*
 5 *age and Efficiency Act of 2005”.*

6 **SEC. 2. FEASIBILITY STUDY, PROJECT DEVELOPMENT,**
 7 **COST SHARE.**

8 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior (here-*
 9 *inafter referred to as “Secretary”), in consultation and co-*
 10 *operation with the City of San Diego and the Sweetwater*
 11 *Authority, is authorized to undertake a study to determine*
 12 *the feasibility of constructing a four reservoir intertie sys-*
 13 *tem to improve water storage opportunities, water supply*
 14 *reliability, and water yield of the existing non-Federal*
 15 *water storage system. The feasibility study shall document*
 16 *the Secretary’s engineering, environmental, and economic*
 17 *investigation of the proposed reservoir and intertie project*
 18 *taking into consideration the range of potential solutions*
 19 *and the circumstances and needs of the area to be served*
 20 *by the proposed reservoir and intertie project, the potential*
 21 *benefits to the people of that service area, and improved*

1 *operations of the proposed reservoir and intertie system.*
2 *The Secretary shall indicate in the feasibility report re-*
3 *quired under subsection (d) whether the proposed reservoir*
4 *and intertie project is recommended for construction.*

5 **(b) FEDERAL COST SHARE.**—*The Federal share of the*
6 *costs of the feasibility study shall not exceed 50 percent of*
7 *the total study costs. The Secretary may accept as part of*
8 *the non-Federal cost share, any contribution of such in-kind*
9 *services by the City of San Diego and the Sweetwater Au-*
10 *thority that the Secretary determines will contribute toward*
11 *the conduct and completion of the study*

12 **(c) COOPERATION.**—*The Secretary shall consult and*
13 *cooperate with appropriate State, regional, and local au-*
14 *thorities in implementing this section.*

15 **(d) FEASIBILITY REPORT.**—*The Secretary shall sub-*
16 *mit to Congress a feasibility report for the project the Sec-*
17 *retary recommends, and to seek, as the Secretary deems ap-*
18 *propriate, specific authority to develop and construct any*
19 *recommended project. This report shall include—*

20 **(1)** *good faith letters of intent by the City of San*
21 *Diego and the Sweetwater Authority and its non-Fed-*
22 *eral partners to indicate that they have committed to*
23 *share the allocated costs as determined by the Sec-*
24 *retary; and*

1 (2) *a schedule identifying the annual operation,*
2 *maintenance, and replacement costs that should be al-*
3 *located to the City of San Diego and the Sweetwater*
4 *Authority, as well as the current and expected finan-*
5 *cial capability to pay operation, maintenance, and*
6 *replacement costs.*

7 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL RECLAMATION PROJECTS.**

8 *Nothing in this Act shall supersede or amend the pro-*
9 *visions of Federal Reclamation laws or laws associated with*
10 *any project or any portion of any project constructed under*
11 *any authority of Federal Reclamation laws.*

12 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 *The Federal costs for the feasibility study to be con-*
14 *ducted and pursuant to this Act shall not exceed \$3,000,000*
15 *of the total amount appropriated to carry out this section.*

16 **SEC. 5. SUNSET.**

17 *The authority of the Secretary to carry out any provi-*
18 *sions of this Act shall terminate 10 years after the date of*
19 *the enactment of this Act.*

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